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At the beginning of the week, prices were unchanged to lower from the prior week. During the week, prices were unchanged in Chicago, and unchanged to lower in the Eastern Region and elsewhere. Demand was usually light to fair, at times moderate, with best movement centering around planned promotional activity. Supplies of all sizes continued adequate to available, instances burdensome. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued light to moderate with most breakers relying on regular commitments to supply current needs. Offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate. The floor stocks were in close balance to adequate for current requirements. The trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Light type fowl were fully adequate for current slaughter requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	89-91	82-84	59-61
New York	56-58	53-56	44-47
Philadelphia	54-60	52-58	43-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	37-38
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	41-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	35-40
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-51.5	43-50	32-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-67	59-61	49-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	77	67
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Feb-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.91	58.54	49.41
SOUTHERN	66.32	64.19	53.40
MIDWEST	57.12	55.95	45.44
WESTERN	90.57	84.26	66.24
TWELVE METRO AREAS	71.37	67.85	54.94

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-29-00	02-22-00	03-02-99
Large	26-28	36-38	41-43
Medium	17-19	27-29	30-32

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Feb 28, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.2	12.9	6.2	13.6	10.3	53.2
	Change	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	1.0	-1.4	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.7	34.9	10.7	27.1	22.8	120.2
	Change	1.2	4.6	1.6	4.1	2.7	13%
Large	Curr Wk	49.9	90.0	58.4	75.0	82.1	355.4
	Change	6.8	8.3	1.8	1.2	4.9	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.7	29.9	14.5	25.2	19.4	107.7
	Change	2.3	-2.8	-0.8	-0.1	-1.9	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	7.3	2.7	7.7	5.6	28.3
	Change	-0.7	-1.8	0.1	0.7	1.0	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	18.1	8.0	11.9	7.0	49.5
	Change	-0.2	3.7	1.7	2.3	0.9	20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.0	54.8	12.1	31.0	48.1	176.0
	Change	5.7	0.2	5.0	3.8	2.0	10%
Total	Curr Wk	143.0	247.9	112.6	191.5	195.3	890.3
Percent	Change	12%	5%	10%	7%	4%	7%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	890.3	7%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	418.2	1%	40

Total Shell Egg 1308.5 5% 207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-FEB-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,183,413	24,590	13,315	6,965	3,095	3,698
PW	1,068,696	23,696	11,260	5,961	2,805	3,449
LY	1,047,534	23,948	10,513	5,525	2,658	3,278
% PW	11	4	18	17	10	7
% LY	13	3	27	26	16	13
2000	8,981,769	199,773	92,119	50,438	25,211	29,720
1999	8,264,857	185,887	82,080	45,799	21,347	26,119

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.04	41.51	41.30

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 26-FEB-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT PREVIOUS WEEK	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	215.7	-4	-10
E.N. CENTRAL	473.2	3	11
W.N. CENTRAL	245.9	2	11
S. ATLANTIC	183.6	-3	-4
S. CENTRAL	75.2	3	11
WEST	191.8	-1	-14
TOTAL	1,385.4	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	FEB 19	FEB 26	FEB 19	FEB 26
	Thousand			
AL	26,735	29,089	20,470	20,496
AR	*30,209	29,957	*23,844	23,384
DE	4,498	4,545	5,128	4,202
FL	2,696	2,844	2,691	2,282
GA	30,649	31,799	*25,167	24,726
MD	8,114	8,586	5,583	6,092
MS	17,348	17,392	15,039	14,596
NC	17,358	17,512	12,376	12,605
PA	*3,566	3,344	*2,826	2,608
SC	4,943	4,939	3,631	3,903
TX	14,265	14,425	11,178	11,131
VA	6,544	6,553	5,353	4,840
CA, TN, & WV	11,346	11,518	*10,012	10,255
15 State Total	*178,271	182,503	*143,298	141,120
Previous Year	181,671	181,421	141,723	142,736
Pct. of Prev.	98	101	101	99

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Apr-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 146.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.62 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/24/00-03/01/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.33	37.00	30.00	31.50	31.33	—	10.00
GNR W 2	—	—	29.25	30.75	29.50	33.00	11.00
GNR W 4	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	36.00	37.33	36.00	37.88	36.85	—	28.50
GL W LG	—	38.88	32.50	34.33	34.08	—	25.00
GL W MD	—	28.00	24.58	26.42	27.17	29.67	18.75
GL W SM	—	—	19.92	22.08	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	24.50	—	25.00	26.00	—	—	35.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.50	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-FEB-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	21.1	25.4	-17	-34
BOSTON	3.7	3.6	3	-37
CHICAGO	43.7	44.6	-2	-1
DETROIT	26.3	26.5	-1	7
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	91.3	90.7	1	-3
NEW ORLEANS	8.4	9.0	-7	-26
NEW YORK	35.7	33.1	8	-19
ST. LOUIS	14.1	12.7	11	8
SAN FRANCISCO	23.2	21.4	8	14
TOTAL	267.6	267.1	0	-8
4 WK MVG AVG	282.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 19-FEB-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	BREEDERS BREEDERS	OLD TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	4,399	5	2	4,406
AVG WT	25.31	25.80	33.00	25.31
LAST WEEK	3,866	0	13	3,879
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,255	4	37	4,296
AVG WT	26.05	23.50	24.30	26.03
TO-DATE/2000	30,782	37	246	31,150
TO-DATE/1999	31,648	111	207	31,966
CHECK TOTAL	2,970,067	45,109	32,309	146,317

(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-FEB-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER		OLD		TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	AVG		
HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND HEAD—		WT		
N EAST	1,417	236	21.53	NONE	NONE	1,417	21.53
S ATL	504	-23	30.76	(A)	(A)	505	30.76
N CENT	1,887	1	27.57	(A)	(A)	1,888	27.57
S CENT	589	-2	22.39	NONE	NONE	589	22.39
WEST	7	-98	35.86	NONE	NONE	7	35.86
U.S. TOTAL	4,404 (B)	-9	25.31	0	2	4,406	25.31
TO DATE							
2000	30,998 (B)			85	246	31,150	
TO DATE							
1999	27,500 (B)			0	207	31,966	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 5,000 for the year 37,000; last year to date 111,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	152,233(A)	1,915	1,349	3,264	394
AVG WT	4.97	3.42	7.99	5.31	6.68
LAST WEEK	155,193	1,986	1,335	3,321	429
YR AGO	149,527	2,040	1,356	3,396	464
AVG WT	5.03	3.48	8.24	5.38	6.67
TO-DATE/2000	1,228,518	16,144	10,650	26,794	3,727
TO-DATE/1999	1,204,013	17,595	10,585	28,180	3,800

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.1 million head or 1.4 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Mar-00

	CURRENT WEEK 03/04/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/26/00
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	156,481(2)	159,182
LT HENS	2,133	1,965
HVY HENS	1,451	1,394
TOTAL	160,065	162,541

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Mar-00 is 153.3 million head compared to 151.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 5.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-Mar-00 the estimated available is 153.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 22	149.7	150.6	99	5.20
29	146.1	151.7	96	4.89
FEBRUARY 5	162.7	152.4	107	5.16
12	157.9	152.1	104	4.87
19	157.1	152.5	103	5.10
26	154.1	152.7	101	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	1243.5	1204.8	103	
MARCH 4		153.3		
11		153.8		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
28-Feb-00	21-Feb-00	21-Feb-00	1-Mar-99
53.04	0.37	52.67	57.43
NUMBER OF LOADS	633		
MONTHLY			
MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE		LOADS
FEBRUARY	53.84		2774.20

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 02/28/00-03/04/00.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE
	MAJ WTD AVG LDS	WTD AVG LDS
Chicago 40.00-43.00	43.37	47
Los Angeles 62.00	61.15	56
New York 42.00-45.00	43.49	41
	46.44	82
	59.57	114
	49.93	77

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	59-60	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	59-60	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 28-Feb-00	4,385	111,221	78,639
AM 1-Feb-00	4,916	94,257	72,756
CHG	-531	16964	5883
PCT CHG	-11	18	8

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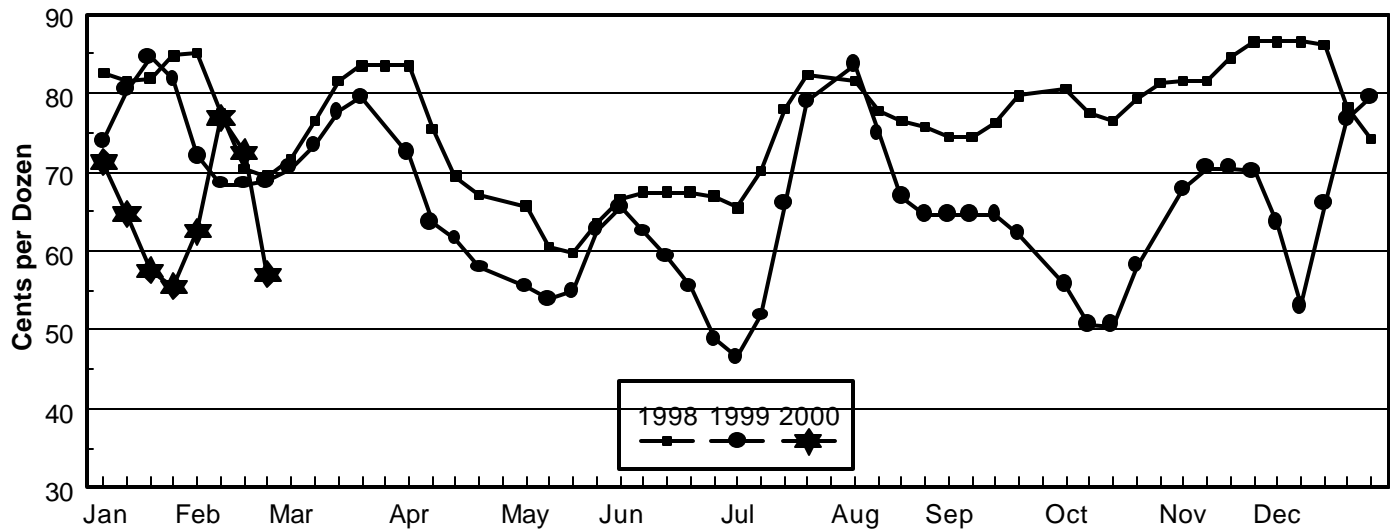
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
02/28/00	RANGE		
Southeast	7-16(1)	8.25-11.75	10.61
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-14.25(1)	11-14	12.07
02/25/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

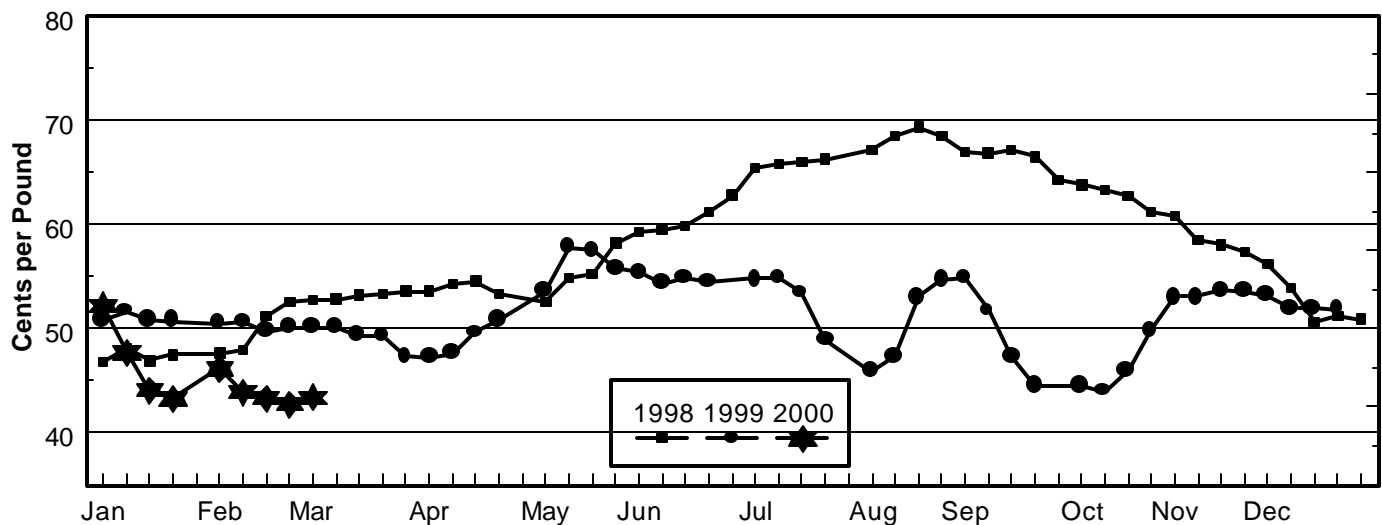
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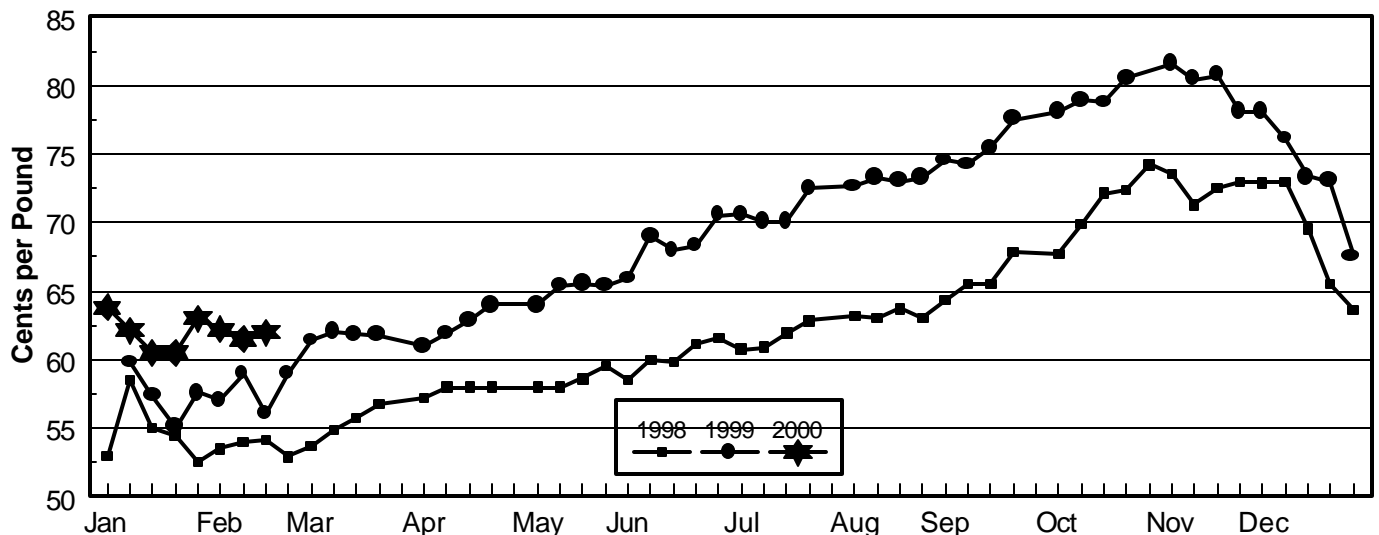
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.